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U.S. APPLICATION NO. 10/058,376

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A method of preparing a treated textile, comprising steps of:

(1) mixing a stain blocking agent, a sulfated castor oil and optionally water to prepare a treatment liquid comprising the stain blocking agent and the sulfated castor oil and having pH of at most 7,

(2) applying the treatment liquid to the textile,

(3) treating the textile with steam, and

(4) washing the textile with water and dehydrating the textile,

wherein the stain blocking agent is selected from the group consisting of a phenol-formaldehyde condensate, an acrylic polymer and a mixture of a phenol/formaldehyde condensate and acrylic polymer.

2. (original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the treatment liquid in the step (1) contains also a salt.

3. (original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the treatment liquid in the step (1) has pH of at most 4.

4. (original): A textile obtainable by the method according to claim 1.

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5. (original): A carpet obtainable by the method according to claim 1.
6. (original): The carpet according to claim 5, wherein the carpet comprises a nylon fiber, a propylene fiber and/or a polyester fiber.
7. (currently amended): A treatment liquid usable in a method of preparing a treated textile, comprising steps of:
 - (1) preparing a treatment liquid comprising a stain blocking agent and a sulfated castor oil and having pH of at most 7,
 - (2) applying the treatment liquid to the textile,
 - (3) treating the textile with steam, and
 - (4) washing the textile with water and dehydrating the textile,

wherein the stain blocking agent is selected from the group consisting of a phenol-formaldehyde condensate, an acrylic polymer and a mixture of a phenol/formaldehyde condensate and acrylic polymer.
8. (original): The treatment liquid according to claim 7, which contains also a salt.
9. (canceled).
10. (canceled).
11. (previously presented): The method according to claim 1, wherein the treatment liquid comprises said sulfated castor oil in an amount of from 0.01 to 20% by weight.

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12. (previously presented): The treatment liquid according to claim 7, containing said sulfated castor oil in an amount of from 0.01 to 20% by weight.